Import of Rifampicin

3217. DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJ1NI MAHISHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Rifampicin was imported during the last three years;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government found certain material of sub-standard quality;

(c) what was the quntity imported each yeat along with source of import;

(d) whether any sample was drawn of any of the consignments;

(e) if so, the number of samples drawn along with the name of the country from which material was imported;

(f) the names of the Laboratories where each sample was tested; and

(g) what was the report of each sample?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) Yes, Sir,

(b) During 1988-89, one Sample was found of sub-standard quality.

(c) As per information available with this Ministry, the quantity of Rifampicin imported during the last three years is given below:

1986-87	33,640 kgs.
1987-88	1,375 kgs.
19SS-89	8,09.225 kgs.

The main sources of imports are Italy, West Germany, Switzerland, South Korea, China. Bulgaria, Spain, Poland, Holland and Australia.

(d) to (g) Available information is given in the statement *(see* below)

Statement

Year	No. of samples	Name of Laboratories where tested	Reports of testing
1986-87 . .	41	26 Samples at Central drugs Laboratory, Calcutta.	Standard
		15 Samples at Government approved Laboratories.	
1987-88 .	9	All samples tested at Government Approved Laboraories.	Standard
1988-89 .	12	7 Samples at Central Drugs Laboratory, Calcutta.	1 sample tested a Central Drugs Laboratory found substandard
		5 samples at Govt. approved Laboratorie s	11 standard